

Seattle Police Department

Investigation Summary Report

Case Type: Preliminary Investigation Report

Case Number: 10-PIR-0483

Incident Date: 09/08/2010

Date Reported: 10/26/2010

Origin: Letter

Report Number:

Location: Daybreak Star

Address: 3801 W Government Wy., Seattle, WA 98199

Precinct: West

Sector: Queen

Beat: 1

Census Tr.:

Status: PIR Feedback Requested

Date Closed:

Complainant(s)

Knotts, Mary A

Race: American Indian/Alaska Native
Sex: F

Phone: 206-568-5133

Address: 530 10th Ave E #403

Seattle, WA 98102

Subject of Complaint

Yes

Employee(s)

[Redacted]
Supervisor:

ID#: [Redacted]

Race: Black
Sex: M
Assignment: 340

Allegation: PIR Issue 6 / Attitude/Demeanor

Violation: Rudeness

Finding:

Tracking:

Group: IIS Sergeants
Assign Date: 11/2/2010

Assigned To: Bair, Krista C
Due Date:

Role: Intake
Completion Date: 11/3/2010

Group: IIS Captain/Lieutenant
Assign Date: 11/3/2010

Assigned To: Fitzgerald, James M
Due Date:

Role: Reviewer
Completion Date: 11/9/2010

Narrative:

Preliminary Investigation Report – Commander Review

LIEUTENANT'S REVIEW:

ISSUE: Complainant alleges Named Employee bumped into her while leaving a meeting. Complainant informed Named Employee, but he responded disrespectfully. Complainant also alleges that this incidental contact caused a minor injury to her left arm.

ANALYSIS: This complaint describes an inadvertent contact by the named employee as he was allegedly in a hurry to leave a community meeting. There is no indication in this complaint that the involved conduct by the named employee constitutes misconduct.

UNIT COMMANDER'S FOLLOW-UP: This PIR is referred to Director Olson for follow-up with the complainant.

Once contact has been made, please send a brief e-mail to Lt. Jim Fitzgerald documenting who made contact, when and how. Please include this PIR number for tracking.



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INVESTIGATION SECTION
Office of Professional Accountability
INTAKE FORM

OPA-IS INVESTIGATOR: A/Sgt. Bair		DATE: 11/2/2010	OPA-IS File No. 10-483
E N T R Y	<u>COMMENCE EACH ENTRY WITH A NUMBER AND THE DATE AND TIME</u>		

- 1 11-2-10 / 1108: I received a letter from the complainant, Mary A. Knotts. Ms. Knotts attended a community meeting at Daybreak Star on 09-08-10. On 10-26-10, she reported the following:

Ms. Knotts alleges Named Employee almost pushed her over as he passed to leave a meeting. Complainant informed Named Employee, but he responded, "You are in my way." Complainant arrived home and alleges her arm was bleeding, to which she treated.

- 2 11-3-10 / 1024: I called Ms. Knotts and talked with her about the incident. She described the Named Employee's physical description and verified it was Named Employee. She claims Named Employee has had 3 separate opportunities to apologize to her at various community meetings. She believes he purposely pushed her and that when she has asked for an apology he immediately refers her to a nearby officer.

I informed Ms. Knotts of the PIR advisement and she appeared to understand the process, but did not agree with it. Ms. Knotts was extremely angry and demanded a letter stating who is handling this incident and what the resolution will be. She stated that she is possibly interested in the Mediation Program.

- 3 11-3-10/ 1045: Case submitted for review

Approved by:

Lt.

Jim Bair 4823

Date: 11/9/2010

Capt.

Date:

October 26, 2010

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Mary Alice Knotts
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When: September 8, 2010 after the NAAC meeting

Where: Daybreak Star

What: As Officer was leaving the meeting with an open ended box under his arm, He chose to come down the middle rather than go to the right or left where no one was standing. The officer pushed against my left side almost shoving me over. There was pain to my left arm on the outside above the wrist. I told him that he had almost pushed me over and had hurt my arm. The officer's reply was "You are in my way". He then turned sideways and crossed in front of me, saying excuse me excuse me, as he left the building. My arm had a burning sensation. I was disrespected as an Elder, a Native and his reply was insulting.

I recall you saying that the Officers would stay until all questions were answered. I was appalled that you had been gone about 15 minutes when the Officers started leaving. This was direct insubordination to a Commanding Officers direction. It also is a public showing of the disrespect these Officers have towards you.

When I arrived at home I discovered my arm had bled and my blouse sleeve had stuck to it, at this time I observed the extent of the injury, cleansed it and applied antibiotic cream. Due to being a diabetic, even slight injury can result in severe infection.

On September 9, 2010 at Chief Seattle Club, following the services for John T. Williams, I ask Officer Linda Hill if it was Officer Hays or [REDACTED] that carried the box under his arm. Officer Hill said without hesitation that would have been [REDACTED]. I then showed her my arm explaining what had happened. Officer Hill blushed and walked away quickly. I openly called [REDACTED] out at the next NAAC meeting; this would have been an ideal time for him to make a public apology, which of course he did not, instead totally choosing to ignore my statement. This is just one more way that [REDACTED] is attempting to use intimidation tactics.

When Officers come to NAAC meeting they need to come without side arms, or leg arms, this is a community meeting where it is said that the purpose to trust. You cannot build trust when Officers goals are to intimidate the community.

Resolution: For my injury to my arm, [REDACTED] to have gun & badge removed along with all ID, and access to any funds, He is to live in the homeless community for 30 days with any/all pay for that time given to Chief Seattle Club. [REDACTED] must sleep on the streets, and go to soup kitchens for food. Other Officers must treat him with the same disgraceful ways that they treat other homeless people. He is not to have contact with his family or working friends, or have a cell phone, no changes of clothing, no money given him, no bus tickets, and no vehicle. Actually everyone that wants to become an Officer needs to be put through this endurance for 30-60 days before being allowed to go to police training. You will then have officers on the streets that have empathy for the homeless and will treat them with the respect due.

Respectfully,


Mary Alice Knotts

cc: OPA, Mayor McGuinn

Suggestions for changes:

All persons applying for officer positions need to live as a homeless person for 30 days prior to training and 30 days before being turned loose to patrol on their own without supervision. This means NO money, NO ID of any kind, No vehicle, No bus pass. Officer would not be given any instruction as to where to go for help, turn them loose to find out info for themselves they must sleep on the streets or in the parks without shelter other than a cardboard box. On duty officers are not to be told who these [potential officers are. If they commit a crime, they are to go to jail.

All officers must be trained in sign language.

Officers must be trained to listen and observe physical differences of people; elders frequently have artificial joints and could not follow an order to get on the ground. If pushed to the ground the prosthesis could break from the bone resulting in amputation.

Spend time in the native communities learning the different tribal customs; learn at least a hello in the local tribal languages. Have tribal elders come and give talks about customs during initial training with follow ups mandentory once a year.

Taught to show respect, to gain trust.

Weapons issued need to be no more than a 38 caliber; larger calibers could be carried in the trunk for emergency situations such as stand off with known dangerous fugitives. Officers used to carry shotguns in safety locks for these emergency situations.

An Officer found carrying a larger caliber as a side arm or on his person receives 30 days with no pay, vacation or leave pay.

Officers need to be taught to shoot at the legs/hands to immobilize, not to kill.

Stun Guns are to be fired at the lower extremities only to immobilize.

An Officer that kills a person is to be immediately jailed until inquest and all trials are over.

No pay, all vacation, sick leave pay suspended until all trials are over.

This needs to implement today, starting with Officer Ian Birk, and other officers that have murdered, or committed vicious assaults like the 2 officers that beat the 15-year-old in the jail cell. They both need 5 years for assault. No pay, vacation, sick leave.

Where does this leave their families? The same as the general public that goes to jail when they commit a crime. The family members go to work, visiting in their spare time.

Stop use of targets of persons of color when training .

Teach use of verbal skills to talk a person down.

Teach physical disarmament

Use of weapons guns or stun gun must be last resort.

Yes I understand there will be situations that will need the use of weapons however the tactics/goals must never be to kill, only injure.

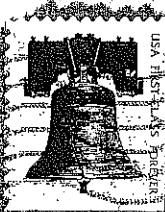

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